

# DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2001, PRESIDING**

**September 4, 2001**

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

The September 4, 2001, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis, Board President.

Chief Deputy Charlie Brown of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2  
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----District 3  
Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5  
W. E. Sluggo Davis-----Chancery Clerk  
James Albert Riley-----Sheriff  
David Armstrong-----County Administrator  
Bobby Chamberlin -----Board Attorney

### **B. INVOCATION**

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the invocation.

### **C. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES**

The other official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of August 2001, pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisors for August 2001, with various corrections as agreed by the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

### **D. PUBLIC HEARING – FOR COUNTY BUDGET FY02**

In accordance with the Mississippi Code, County Administrator David Armstrong said the County was required to place two advertisements regarding the County Budget for 2002. David Armstrong said the advertisement was placed in *The DeSoto Times Today* on August 25, 2001 and September 1, 2001, for the public hearing to be held on September 4, 2001, at 9:00 A.M. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to open the public hearing on the subject of the County Budget period of October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis called for anyone wishing to discuss the County Budget for 2002, to come forward. No one came forward.

## **ITEM D, CONTINUED,**

Having no one appear before the Board of Supervisors to officially discuss the County Budget for 2002, Supervisor Eugene made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to close the public hearing on the subject of the County Budget for the period beginning October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2002. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## **E. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Request to Advertise County Resources – Historic DeSoto Museum**

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had allocated \$13,000 in this year's budget FY01 for the Historic DeSoto Museum. David Armstrong said the allocation was based on the County's population at \$.35 per person at 36,170 population. This actual amount would be \$12,659.50. David Armstrong said the Board must determine that the approval of this amount would be used to advertise the County's resources.

David Armstrong said Bob Barber, Chairman of the Museum Board, Brian Hicks, Museum Director and Curator, and Ms. Annie Ruth Brown, President of the Historic DeSoto Foundation are present today to discuss the specific purposes for the funds being donated by the County.

Bob Barber said he appreciated the Board of Supervisors giving them the opportunity to discuss their plans. Mr. Barber said the advantage of the conservation and restoration of County records will be a historic promotion for the County in the area of tourism. Mr. Barber said they get donations from the municipalities of DeSoto County and will start a drive to create donations to the museum.

Brian Hicks said history counts as a resource for the County. The history of DeSoto County is a draw for tourism to the County. Brian Hicks said the museum plans to work with the schools to present a traveling suitcase of exhibits, that will be taken into the classrooms for presentation. The museum will develop brochures that will promote the exhibits at the museum and place them at the Civic Center and the State Welcome Stations across the State.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what the difference is between the Arts Council and the Museum and why both require a director. Brian Hicks said the Arts Council works with art, theater and the artistic aspects in the County. The Museum preserves historical data only.

David Armstrong asked how the Museum could advertise the County to recruit industry to this area with claims regarding the quality of life in the County. Brian Hicks said the brochures and pamphlets would be designed to show the quality of life in DeSoto County and these brochures and pamphlets would be distributed to new industry. Brian Hicks said that if the community is not growing they don't have areas to promote. Bob Barber said if the museum is well funded it says our County cares enough about our people and history to see that it is promoted properly.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if this amount of money would be an annual amount. Bob Barber said the first allocation to the museum was substantial and appreciated. We would not be where we are today without it. Bob Barber said they would like to keep the base of funding in place and be operated in a partnership with all local governments based on population, but they would not depend on government funding only.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve funds to the Historic DeSoto Museum in the amount of \$12,659.50; in accordance with Section 17-3-3, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, the Board of Supervisors did make a determination that the above request would advertise the resources and possibilities of DeSoto County and thereby advance the moral, financial and other interests of DeSoto County, and to make the letter from the Museum stating the use of funds, as part of the Board minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.1\*\***

**ITEM E.1, CONTINUED,**

Bob Barber said it was important for the Museum to develop members. Ms. Annie Ruth Brown said she has been working with the museum efforts since 1983 and she would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for all the support and help with the development and image of the museum for the County. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how much the contributions were from private donors. Bob Barber said they have raised equal amounts from private sources and the State of Mississippi has provided \$110,000.

**2. Tax Appeal – G&T Development Elected Not to Appeal to the Board of Supervisors**

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said he received a letter from the tax representative Jim Schwalls & Associate, Inc. regarding the tax assessment on the property located at 7911 Hacks Cross Road, parcel #1067-2600.0-00039.01 and parcel #1067-2600.0-00039.00, Olive Branch Mini Storage & Vacant Land. Mr. Davis said they wish to withdraw the 2001 appeal for both referenced parcels.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the letter of appeal withdrawal from the tax representative Jim Schwalls & Associate, Inc. regarding the tax assessment on the property located at 7911 Hacks Cross Road, parcel #1067-2600.0-00039.01 and parcel #1067-2600.0-00039.00, Olive Branch Mini Storage & Vacant Land. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.2\*\***

**3. MDEQ Household Hazardous Waste Day Change Date to October 13, 2001 from October 20, 2001**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the State has changed the day for the MDEQ Household Hazardous Waste Day from October 20, 2001 to October 13, 2001. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the changed date to be October 13, 2001 for the MDEQ Household Hazardous Waste Day by the State. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**F.NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Approval to Make E-911 Audit Report Part of the Minutes**

At the recommendation of the County Administrator, David Armstrong, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion, and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the E-911 Audit as part of the minutes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit F.1\*\***

**2. Joyce Riales – Comptroller**

**a. Claims Docket**

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks presented the claims docket showing claims

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that need to be paid for various departments as of September 4, 2001, in accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the claims docket bills as presented by the Comptroller, with the change to the Advertising County Resources fund number 001-675 to be \$12,659.50 and total amount of the claims docket being \$3,981,399.55. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

**\*\*See Exhibit F.2.a \*\***

**b. Approval to Ratify Bond Payments**

Verified loan repayment documents for DeSoto County Account #71-61-5881-3T 5 for a \$10,000,000 Mississippi Development Bank Promissory Note dated October 9, 2000 were presented by copy to each Supervisor. Payment was made to Hancock Bank against the following accounts as follows:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
001-801-800	Principal	\$20,833.67
001-801-801	Interest	<u>\$13,827.40</u>
		\$34,661.07

Verified loan repayment documents for a \$18,000,000 MS Development Bank Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2000 (DeSoto County, MS General Obligation Public Improvement Bond Project) Issue #0350, were presented by copy to each Supervisor. Payment for variable rate interest was made for a thirty day period to Trustmark Bank against the following account:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
215-800-801	Interest	\$41,621.92

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to ratify the bond payments as described above. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

**\*\*See Exhibit F.2.b\*\***

**c. Interfund Transfer of Metro Seized Funds**

At the recommendation of Comptroller Joyce Riales, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize and instruct the County Comptroller, pursuant to Section 41-29-185 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, to transfer the following forfeited funds that were seized by Metro Narcotics:

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Date Seized</u>	<u>County Receipt #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DC- 0052-1-01	Brandon L. Erby	03/16/01	12072	345.00
DC- 0072-1-01	Derick Bland	04/21/01	12072	252.00
DC- 0083-1-01	Charles E. Sloan	05/02/01	12098	85.00
DC- 0084-1-01	Michael A. Hughes	05/02/01	12098	175.00
DC- 0084-1-01	K-Jondo James	05/02/01	12098	5900.00
DC- 0013-2-01	Steven Dettelbach	05/29/01	12331	150.00
DC- 0102-1-01	Michael Boughton	05/30/01	12331	192.00
DC- 0102-1-01	Justin M. Cockrell	05/30/01	12331	905.00
DC- 0123-1-01	Anna M. Miller	07/02/01	12523	298.00
DC- 0124-1-01	Flossie L. Sammons	07/09/01	12523	100.00

Transfer From 123-900-950 Metro Narcotics Seized \$8,402.00  
Transfer To 105-000-384 Metro Narcotics Forfeitures \$8,402.00

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

**\*\*See Exhibit F.2.c\*\***

### **3. Approval of Travel**

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any official or employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to travel during the period of September 4, 2001 to October 1, 2001, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. That all such travel is hereby authorized contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize travel during the period of September 4, 2001 to October 1, 2001, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

### **4. Approval of Bailiff Pay**

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e) which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to pay Lee Hodge the amount of \$240.00 for the month of August, 2001; to pay Floyd Medlin the amount of \$240.00 for the month of August, 2001; to pay Joe Holmes the amount of \$200.00 for the month of August, 2001, for their service as bailiffs for DeSoto County Justice Court. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis      ABSENT

**\*\*See Exhibit F.4\*\***

**5. Justice Court Report**

The DeSoto County Justice Court Clerk, Linda Aldridge, presented to the Board of Supervisors the Justice Court Report for the month of August 2001, pursuant to Section 9-11-19 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the Justice Court Report for the month of July 2001. The vote passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.5\*\***

**6. Sheriff's Employee Report**

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff's Department Employee Reports for the month of August 2001. The report is attached and made a part of the minutes in Exhibit F.6. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

**\*\*See Exhibit F.6\*\***

**7. Central Maintenance**

Pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated, County Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented the Road Report for the date of July 26, 2001 through August 25, 2001, the Work Schedule for the month of September 2001 and the Road Bond Report to the Board of Supervisors for review.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what length of time was on the bond for Shadow Oaks "A". Kenny Gunn said it was a one year bond, but they look to see if there are any problems with the road before they release the bond. Supervisor Lewis asked if the bond has expired, what happens? Kenny Gunn said if they see a problem with the road, they extend the bond for another year. Supervisor Lewis asked if the Board of Supervisors is responsible to extend the bond or if Kenny Gunn has the authority to extend the bond. Kenny Gunn said he always addresses the Board of Supervisors on bonds if there is a problem.

Kenny Gunn said they notify the developers by certified mail when the bond is close to expiration. If the mail comes back undelivered, we try to call them by phone. There are some cases where we have hand delivered the notice of expiration. Kenny Gunn said they give two notifications on the expiration of bonds. Kenny Gunn said they leave it up to the developer to ask for a reduction in the bond.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Road Department has done a good job since last year on this report, but the top three bonds have expired on the list. Kenny Gunn said these roads in the subdivision have not been put under County maintenance.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Road Report and Work Schedule as presented by Kenny Gunn and to release or reduce the bonds as recommended by Kenny Gunn as follows:

- a. Road Report and Work Schedule**
- b. Road Bond Report**

**ITEM F.7a.b, CONTINUED,**

<b>SubDivision</b>	<b>Type Bond</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Wilson Mills	2 Yr. \$6,000 Maintenance	Put under County maintenance.
Cypress Creek Ph.I	\$23,000	After the shoulder work is completed, put under County maintenance.
Forest Hill P.U.D.,Ph. II	\$110,000 Initial Construction	\$38,000 Final Construction
Edgewood Ph. I & II	\$45,000 Final Construction	\$9,600 Maintenance
Edgewood Ph. III	\$30,000 Initial Construction	\$5,000 Maintenance
Fox Creek, Sec. A & B	\$28,100 Maintenance	\$18,100 Final Construction

Kenny Gunn said the reason for Fox Creek bond to stay as a final construction bond was due to the main street still being used as the main street entrance for development of the rest of the subdivision under construction. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.7.a.b\*\***

### c. Road Inspection Report

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Board had requested to be informed in September of this year the requirements for the Road Inspection Report due by December 31, 2001.

According to Mississippi Code 65-7-117, Section 19-2-3, each member of the Board of Supervisors shall inspect every road and bridge in the County under the jurisdiction of the County not later than December 31, and not less than once each fiscal year. Each member shall file with the clerk of the Board a report, under oath, of the condition of the roads and bridges inspected by him with recommendations by him for a four-year plan for construction and major maintenance of such roads and bridges. Based upon such reports, the Board of Supervisors shall, on or before February 1, of each year, adopt and spread upon its minutes a four-year plan for the construction and maintenance of County roads and bridges. The plan may be amended at any time by a vote of the majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors.

No motions were made on this item. **\*\*See Exhibit 7.c\*\***

## 8. Approval of Publication of Board Proceedings

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the publication of Board Proceedings in accordance with Section 19-3-33 of the Mississippi Code, which states that the Board of Supervisors may have its proceedings published in some newspaper published in the county, and cause the same to be paid for out of the county treasury. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

## 9. Approval of Chancery Clerk

County Administrator David Armstrong presented an order of Allowances for the Chancery Clerk’s office to the Board of Supervisors for the August 2001 term in the amount of \$870.00. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve these payments, pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES

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Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
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**\*\*See Exhibit F.9\*\***

**10. Approval to Apply for Local Law Enforcement Block Grant**

County Administrator David Armstrong said he is recommending to apply for a Local Law Enforcement Grant for \$5,000 to be used to purchase video cameras for law enforcement cars when making stops. The deadline for the grant is September 15, 2001. David Armstrong said the County match of funds would be \$556. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the application for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to be used to purchase video cameras for the law enforcement cars that make stops. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**11. Inventory Disposal – Circuit Clerk**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the listed inventory items from the Circuit Clerk’s office has been picked up by Kenny Evans and destroyed in the landfill. The equipment owned by the County in the Circuit Clerk Department was either unrepairable or not cost effective to repair. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept receipts from the Inventory Clerk pursuant to Section 31-7-107 of the Mississippi Code, and did approve the disposition on the report as noted on Exhibit 12 as follows:

Property #	Description	Serial #	Location
9069	IBM – Typewriter	5405609	Circuit Clerk’s to landfill.
00100	Royal 300 PD Calculator	75054734	Circuit Clerk’s to landfill
00101	Royal 100 P	76019384	Circuit Clerk’s to landfill
04096	Calculator	6C.91493	Circuit Clerk’s to landfill

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.11\*\***

**12. Cellular South – Request for Tax Exemption**

Jim Flanagan, Director of the DeSoto Council, appeared before the Board of Supervisors regarding the application of Telepak, Inc. D/B/A Cellular South and Cellular South Real Estate, Inc. for exemption from ad valorem taxes for a period of ten (10) years. Mr. Flanagan said this company is in the process of building cell towers and since this is not a new industry, he recommends to the Board of Supervisors to not approve the tax exemption requested.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to take the recommendation of Jim Flanagan, Director of the DeSoto Council, to deny the application of Telepak, Inc. D/B/A Cellular South and Cellular South Real Estate, Inc. for exemption from ad valorem taxes for a period of ten (10) years. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.12\*\***

**G. BUDGET FY02**

Millage

County Administrator David Armstrong said the changes have been made to the budget FY02 according to the previous meeting discussions. Supervisor John Caldwell asked what the total budget would mean in millage. David Armstrong said he had a meeting with the Sheriff to make the cuts to his budget and they cut the Sheriff’s budget by \$639,323. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said the \$639,323 cut by the Sheriff’s Departments amounts to one mill. David Armstrong said the 2000-2001 total millage was 85.78 and with the changes made the proposed

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2001-2002 total millage is 87.83.



Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what the ending cash balance would be for this FY01. Comptroller Joyce Riales said the best she can state at this time, due to two more payrolls and one more claims docket that have to be deducted, is \$7.8 million. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the Road Budget funds are over, would this be included. Joyce Riales said no that they are separate funds.

#### Personnel

Supervisor Thach said he appreciated the Sheriff taking one mill out of the budget, but we need to go through and see what can be done especially in new hire personnel. David Armstrong said he had deleted the position for the assistant in the Board of Supervisors office. David Armstrong said the new position for the Regional Utility Authority personnel had been cut, but the funds were moved to the consulting and legal fee funds. David Armstrong said that in the latter part of the year when an employee is needed, the County would have to handle this like they do the CVB. David Armstrong said he had changed the salary for the Risk Manager from \$36,500 to \$40,000 and added a vehicle and computer. Supervisor Thach said the County does not need a Risk Manager, but a safety officer. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the position could be called either name, but the function of the office would be the same. Supervisor Gerald Clifton said all insurance's agree the position of a Risk Manager would help to reduce the cost of insurance for the County. David Armstrong said the County insurance would run \$596,000 for FY02 and we can't continue to pay this high amount.

#### County Engineer

David Armstrong said he had added back \$500 to the County Engineer Daniel Murphy's budget for his phone line.

#### County Ambulance

David Armstrong said he had added the \$75,000 to the County ambulance budget for Dr. Adcock to cover the County ER certification. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he had spoken with Mayor of Southaven Greg Davis and he stated they won't pay for this service. Supervisor John Caldwell suggested the County talk with Melvin Walker at Baptist DeSoto to see how this works.

#### Operations & Maintenance

David Armstrong said he had cut the \$125,000 in the budget for the operation of the Equestrian facility.

#### DeSoto Council

David Armstrong said he cut the budget for the DeSoto Council to \$256,000, which gave \$15,000 for the Arts Council under this budget.

#### Wall's Sewer Debt Service

David Armstrong said to retire this debt this year, it will only take \$20,000.

#### Bond Funds

David Armstrong said for the construction of Airways South the County had pledged \$235,000, but an agreement had been made with the City of Southaven to use \$30,000 of this pledge for the construction of Getwell and Church Roads.

The Board of Supervisor decided to resume the budget discussion on Wednesday, September 5, 2001.

## **H. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The executive session portions of these minutes are recorded under the portion of the minutes called "Executive Session".

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## **I. OTHER ISSUES**

### **1. DeSoto Sunrise Home**

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had spoken with Chris Creely regarding their requested budget for FY02 and their recommendation was to be able to keep the State reimbursement amount of \$15,000, that is due for credit to the County for the additional services the Sunrise Home offers the County in addition to the contract services. This contract with the DeSoto Sunrise Home expires September 30, 2001. David Armstrong said the budget for FY02 would be \$180,000 and they would keep any reimbursement from the State for FY02.

Chris Creely said this would enable them to keep the crisis counselor for the home with these funds. Chris Creely said they provide transportation for the residents of the home, but the contract calls for the County to provide transportation. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the Alpha Omega contributes any funds to the home. Chris Creely said they provide people at no expense and the home provides the location for the school to use.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the contract would need to be re-written for them to keep the State funds. David Armstrong said our agreement for this year could be amended for the Board to determine that the Home keep the State funds this year and for DeSoto Sunrise Home to provide a report to state the added expenses.

David Armstrong said the Budget for the DeSoto Sunrise Home for FY02 would be \$180,000 and the contract would be modified for the Home to keep the State funds for FY02.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion that the Board has required the Home to furnish a report for the additional expenses they have incurred and they would retain the State funds for FY01 in the amount of \$15,000. The motion to modify the DeSoto Sunrise Home contract for FY02 for the retention of the State funds, and the County's budget would be \$180,000. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## **2. Regional Library – Hernando – Jim Anderson & Marvin Johnson**

Mr. Jim Anderson, Director of the First Regional Library System, and Marvin Johnson , Architect, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present the plans for the Hernando Library expansion. Mr. Anderson said they were here to follow up on the work that was begun one year ago where the Board of Supervisor authorized the application for a State Grant for the Hernando and Olive Branch Library expansions, and the building of a new library in Southaven. Mr. Anderson said the grants were approved and the Board authorized to hire Marvin Johnson as architect. Mr. Anderson said they have completed the plans for the Hernando Library and are here to ask for approval to go out for bid.

County Administrator David Armstrong asked what was the budget for the Hernando Library. Mr. Anderson said they have estimated a \$100 per square foot budget. Mr. Anderson said there is not a lot of work out there now and we feel that we would get a lot of competitive bids. Supervisor John Caldwell asked about the parking area. Mr. Anderson said we wouldn't have much, since we will loose the front parking for the addition, and we can add some on the west side of the library. David Armstrong asked if they have addressed the closing of the street. Marvin Johnson said they have not addressed this. The records are not correct on the street size. Supervisor Thach asked how much land was there. Marvin Johnson said there is no official record of the line. They can park on the Library property and leave the street. Supervisor Caldwell said one of the community complaints now is the parking allowance. Mr. Anderson said the only other solution is to acquire property adjacent to the library.

### **ITEM I.2, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked when the Olive Branch Library would be ready. Marvin Johnson said it would be later in 2002.

David Armstrong asked how much the new addition would be. Marvin Johnson said

approximately 12,000 sq. ft., but he would need to verify that figure. Mr. Anderson said the library has 16,000 sq. ft. now. Marvin Johnson said there would have to be five feet of fill work go into the front of the Hernando Library for the construction. Supervisor John Caldwell asked what the time frame would be. Marvin Johnson said approximately eight months. Supervisor Caldwell said to have a grand opening and no parking space is not good. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Mr. Anderson to look at the options for parking and bring a recommendation back to the Board of Supervisors to address parking. Supervisor Thach said parking could be done around the Courthouse.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to go out for bids on the Hernando Library expansion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit I.2\*\***

### **3. DHS Building – Marvin Johnson**

County Administrator David Armstrong asked Marvin Johnson when would plans be ready to go out for bid on the new DHS building. Marvin Johnson said he would bring the plans to the next Board Meeting for the Supervisors to approve. No action was taken on this item.

### **4. Equestrian Arena – Michael McAllister**

Mr. Michael McAllister appeared before the Board of Supervisors regarding the Equestrian Arena for DeSoto County. Mr. McAllister said the declining horse clubs in DeSoto County leaves no family place for boarding of horses. Mr. McAllister said if permanent barns were built they would help pay for the arena. Supervisors John Caldwell said no permanent barns were being considered in the plans for the arena. Mr. McAllister said he was in favor of the Equestrian Arena for DeSoto County.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he appreciated Mr. McAllister's appearance before the Board and his comments would be placed in the minutes. No actions were taken on this item.

### **5. 4-H Club and Home Economics – Art Smith**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the proposed budget for FY02 for the 4-H & Livestock Allocations was \$4,300 with no proposed increase over last year's budget. David Armstrong said Art Smith, Director of the Extension Service, and Sandy Slocum, Director of the Home Economics and Equine Program, has asked to present to the Board of Supervisors a request for additional funds in the amount of \$3,500 for additional needs.

Art Smith stated the 4-H Horse Show of DeSoto County has competed in the District and State competition and the Southern Regionals. Art Smith said the enrollment has quadrupled in the past year, with 53 youth and 17 volunteers currently participating. There has been a 400% increase in participation at District 4-H Horse Show over the previous year. The volunteers secured local sponsorship of \$2,500 to help host the Mississippi Regional Horse Show that was held at the Shelby County Showplace Arena in Memphis.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how the \$4,300 the County budget would be used. Art Smith said these funds would be used for the traditional programs the Extension Service provides for under Carol Sicilia, who does the school programs and the public speaking programs. The additional funds would be applied with \$3,000 toward the 4-H Equine and \$500 toward the Home Economics program to purchase used sewing machines for her classes. Art Smith passed out copies of the activities and expenses that would be incurred for these programs for the new budget year. Sandy Slocum said they have to pay fees to

### **ITEM I.5, CONTINUED,**

enter programs and they have to pay for stalls. Most of the participants do not come from upper income families, so they set up the program to pay these fees. Sandy Slocum said most of the youth are from DeSoto County.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said Marshall County was not listed as a showing arena. Sandy Slocum said that Marshall County is not in the same district as DeSoto County.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the increase of \$3,500 to the DeSoto County 4-H Club Allocation for the Budget Year 2002. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit I.5\*\***

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to recess until Wednesday, September 5, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 4th. Day of September 2001, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Tommy Lewis, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors